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The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

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The record for the Millennium appeal contains extensive information and raises important issues that warrant thorough consideration. An extension of the public comment period on this basis appears reasonable and would not unduly delay the appeals process. Therefore, the deadline for receiving comments from the public will be extended through January 8, 2003. A notice announcing the new deadline will be published shortly in the <u>Federal Register</u>.

Thank you for your continuing interest in this matter.

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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

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